

## **Executive Physical Bios**

### **Haysam Akkad, MD**

Dr. Akkad is an interventional cardiologist at The Nebraska Medical Center. He is a graduate of University of Aleppo Medical School in Syria. Dr. Akkad completed an internal medicine residency at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Penn. and completed a fellowship in critical care medicine at State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y. In Philadelphia, Penn., Dr. Akkad completed his cardiology fellowship at MCP/Hahnemann University. He also completed an interventional cardiology fellowship at University Pittsburg Medical Center in Pittsburgh. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Internal Medicine - Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Akkad has been practicing cardiology since 2002.

### **Phyllis Byrd, MD**

Dr. Byrd graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. and completed her residency in family practice at Sioux City Family Practice in Sioux City Iowa. She completed an internship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Byrd is board certified in family practice and currently works for Midwest Regional Health Services in Omaha. Dr Byrd is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice and Nebraska Academy of Family Practice. She practiced in Norfolk, Broken Bow and Sargent, Neb. prior to coming to Omaha.

### **James Canedy, MD**

Dr. Canedy is president of SimplyWell, LLC. He is board certified in orthopedics and a member of the Clarkson College Board of Directors, Midlands Health Partners Board of Directors, Private Practice Associates, Paramount Group, The Nebraska Medical Center Board of Directors and Clarkson Regional Health Service Board of Directors.

### **Ward A Chambers, MD**

Dr. Chambers is a professor of internal medicine in cardiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Cardiovascular Disease. Currently, Dr. Chambers is the executive director of International Health and Medical Education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He is the author of several books, articles and scientific publications and sits on many boards/committees that serve the local/regional area and the medical community.

**Donald J Darst, MD**

Dr. Darst is a diplomat of internal medicine and a diplomat of geriatrics. Currently, he is president of Midwest Regional Health Services, LLC. He sits on several local boards and is medical director for Central States Insurance and Montclair Nursing Home.

**Brian Elliott, MD**

Dr. Elliott is a full-time emergency physician with The Physician Network, a Catholic Health Initiatives, statewide network of physicians and five hospitals. Dr. Elliott is board certified in Family Practice and Emergency Medicine. He is a Fellow in the American College of Emergency Medicine and has earned a certificate of added qualifications from the American Board of Family Practice in Sports Medicine. Dr. Elliott earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. He completed his residency at the University of Nebraska Affiliated Hospitals where he served as chief resident. He is a member of the Nebraska Medical Association, past-president of the Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, American Association of Physician Specialists and the Hall County Medical Association.

**Patricia Fryant, RT (R)(M)**

Ms. Fryant is the manager of Diagnostic Radiology, Film Room, Transcription and Transport. She has been with The Nebraska Medical Center since 1975 working in radiology. Fryant is responsible for the reporting of all radiological services for Executive Physical.

**Cindy Hanssen, MPA, RN**

Ms. Hanssen developed and maintains the Executive Physical program. Her experience at The Nebraska Medical Center/UNMC includes: director of operations for SimplyWell, manager of the Diabetes Center, manager of Internal Medicine Specialties, curriculum coordinator for the Department of Surgery and EMS coordinator for Continuing Education. She has served on the board of directors for the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Cancer Society, Midlands EMS, Millard Business Association, Omaha Business Women's Association and USA Dance. Hanssen has held certifications/verification as affiliate faculty/instructor /trainer in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Trauma Nurse Core Course, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Life Support for Obstetrics, Advanced Burn Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support and Fundamentals of Critical Care Medicine. She is a published author and is active with the Omaha and Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce.

**Jeffrey W. Hill, MD**

Dr. Hill is the associate dean for Admissions and Student Affairs for the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha, Neb. Dr. Hill attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology and an MD from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He completed his residency in family practice at the Lincoln Family Practice Program, Lincoln, Neb. Dr. Hill is board certified in family medicine and is a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Practice. He has been a faculty member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1984 where his practice strongly focuses on preventative medicine. Dr. Hill has held instructorships/medical director in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Life Support Obstetrics and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

**Margaret Hobza, RDCS, BGS, MPA**

Ms. Hobza is the manager of Echo and Vascular Laboratories. She is responsible for the vascular ultrasound studies and echo cardiograms conducted for Executive Physicals. Hobza has been at The Nebraska Medical Center for 25 years.

**T.J. Holmes, MD**

Dr. Holmes is board certified in internal medicine and a member of the American College of Physicians, American Society of Internal Medicine and the Nebraska Medical Association. He is affiliated with Holmes & Munyon, PC with privileges at several local hospitals. He was awarded the Physician of Distinction for Primary Care at The Nebraska Medical Center in 2011.

**Thomas C Howard, MD**

Dr. Howard graduated from Yale Medical School in New Haven, Conn. and completed his general and vascular surgery training at Yale New Haven Hospital. He spent two years in the Army prior to joining the surgery faculty at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. 35 years ago. Dr. Howard began his private practice at Clarkson Hospital where he specializes in both general and vascular surgery. He founded the Vascular Laboratories and is currently director of the Vascular Lab. He has served as chairman of surgery at Clarkson Hospital and as clinical service chief of surgery at The Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Howard is board certified in general and vascular surgery.

**James McClay, MD**

Dr. McClay is an associate professor for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb. Dr. McClay attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., earning a Bachelor of Science in Biophysics with Honors. He earned his MD degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. and completed his Master of Science in Bioengineering at the University of Michigan. He completed his residency program in general surgery at St. John Hospital in Detroit. Dr. McClay has performed extensive research in healthcare informatics. He has been a faculty member at UNMC since 2000.

**Sandy McGranaghan, RPFT**

Ms. McGranaghan is the pulmonary function laboratory coordinator for Executive Physicals. She has been at The Nebraska Medical Center and UNMC for 30 years. She has participated on several hospital committees to enhance performance and facilitate development of staff.

**Charlie Morris, MD**

Dr. Morris is the hospital chief of Radiology at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb., associate professor Radiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and interim director of Clinical Radiology Services. He is a member of the American College of Radiology, Society of Nuclear Medicine, American College of Physician Executives and the American College of Forensic Examiners.

**David O'Dell, MD**

Dr. O'Dell is a professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. He graduated with an MD with High Distinction and completed his residency at UNMC. He is a past recipient of the LeeRoy Meyer Dedicated Teacher Award and Top Teacher, Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. O'Dell is board certified in internal medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, American College of Physicians and the Society of General Internal Medicine. He is the author of numerous articles, chapters in books and lectures.

**Samuel Pirruccello, MD**

Dr. Pirruccello is the medical director, Laboratory Information Systems, Core Laboratory and Regional Pathology Services at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. He is a professor, Department of Pathology and Microbiology at UNMC and the author of several scientific articles, chapter in books and education materials. Dr. Pirruccello is a member of the Nebraska Association of Pathologist, American Society for Clinical Pathology, College of American Pathology, International Society for Analytical Cytometry, Clinical Cytometry Society and the International Society for Laboratory Hematology.

**Thomas R Porter, MD**

Dr. Porter is a professor of medicine, distinguished chair of cardiology, Department of Internal Medicine/Cardiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. and director of the non-invasive Cardiology Laboratory at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Dr. Porter has received numerous research/seed grants and is the author/co-author of over 100 scientific papers. He has several patents and has been selected as one of the top teachers in internal medicine for the past nine years. He is a popular presenter/invited speaker and sits on the board of directors for the Good News Bears Club (Inner City Youth Ministry).

**Anthony Reyes, MD**

Dr. Reyes is a cardiologist with over 12 years of experience. He is a graduate of Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., where he also completed an internship, residency and fellowship. Dr. Reyes is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease. He is also a fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

**Stephen B Smith, MD**

Dr. Smith is currently chief medical officer for The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. and the medical director for Executive Physical. After being in private practice since 1980, Dr. Smith joined The Nebraska Medical Center in 1997 when Clarkson and University hospitals merged to form The Nebraska Medical Center. As chief medical officer, his responsibilities are to serve as the liaison between the physician staff and administration. In addition, Dr. Smith oversees the quality improvement initiatives at The Nebraska Medical Center. Prior to moving into an administrative role, Dr. Smith served as the medical director for Respiratory Therapy at Clarkson Hospital from 1989-1997. In addition, he established the Sleep Center at Clarkson Hospital in 1987. Dr. Smith was born in Kansas and received all of his education at the University of Kansas in Lawrence and the medical center in Kansas City, Kan.

**Marlin Stahl, MD**

Dr. Stahl is currently the chief medical officer for Bellevue Medical Center. He is in private practice as a consultant in pulmonary disease, medical direction and healthcare facility design. Dr. Stahl is president of Clarkson Regional Health Services and a member of The Nebraska Medical Center and Bellevue Medical Center Board of Directors. He is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care. He holds certification in hyperbaric medicine.

**Joan Schultz, RN**

Ms. Schultz is a coordinator for the Executive Physical program. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State University, University Park, Penn. Her nursing background is in emergency, cardiology, preventative medicine, organ procurement and endoscopy. Schultz is certified in Basic and Advance Cardiac Life Support.

**Laura Turner**

Ms. Turner has been The Nebraska Medical Center team leader since 2000. She has over 15 years experience with patient services and billing. Her current service roles include Executive Physical billing, transplant billing and insurance verification. She is responsible for registration and coding to ensure proper billing for Executive Physicals.

**Cheryl A. Williams, MD**

Dr. Williams is currently an Associate Professor of Radiology and Lead Interpreting Physician, Mammography for THE University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb. Her radiology residency was completed at Creighton University in Omaha. She received her undergraduate degree in chemistry and MD degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Williams is board certified in diagnostic radiology.